

# Society

THE official season opened auspiciously on Thursday evening with the first state dinner at the White House. Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks and members of the Cabinet were the guests of honor.

Mrs. Roosevelt also gave her first afternoon tea of the season in the past week, at which the guests were the members of the diplomatic corps and ladies of their respective families, who were invited to call on Wednesday afternoon. This custom of having a preliminary diplomatic reception, by which all members of the corps are given an opportunity of meeting the wife of the President prior to the formal reception of New Year's Day, was inaugurated several years ago by Mrs. Roosevelt, and has come to be regarded as the permanent feature of the White House programme. The company of Wednesday was a most interesting one, as every one of the thirty-six nations maintaining diplomatic relations with the United States was represented, both officially and socially.

The Cabinet dinner, at which forty-three guests were entertained, was somewhat smaller than last year, but no less interesting. The former Secretary of the Navy, Hon. Paul Morton, and Mrs. Morton, who came from New York for the evening, were the only ex-members of President Roosevelt's official family who were present.

The Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks opened their season last evening with a large dinner party in honor of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, the first of the series of entertainments in honor of these guests, at which the Cabinet officers will entertain in turn.

The table was decorated in a center plaque of pink roses, oblong in shape, with large bouquets of the roses at either end and smaller vases of silver holding the same flowers, alternating with silver candelabra, in which the lights were shaded by white and silver shades. The company included:

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt.  
The Speaker and Miss Cannon.  
Mr. Justice and Mrs. Holmes.  
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The Ambassador to Great Britain and Mrs. Reid.  
Senator and Mrs. Hale.  
Senator and Mrs. Blackburn.  
Senator Daniels.  
Bishop and Mrs. Cranston.  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shaw, of New York.  
The Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Newberry.  
Gen. and Mrs. J. W. Foster.  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh.  
Mr. and Mrs. Houser, of St. Louis.  
Gov. Murphy, of New Jersey.  
Mr. George Ade.  
Mrs. Sheridan, of Pittsburgh.  
Mrs. Cassidy, of Pittsburgh.  
Miss McMillan.  
Lieut. and Mrs. Timmons.

Mrs. Fairbanks will begin her afternoon receptions next Wednesday, when she will be at home from 4 to 6.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Root entertained a large dinner company last evening at their home on Rhode Island avenue, in honor of the Ambassador from Great Britain and Lady Durand, who will sail for England December 25, when Sir Mortimer will resume the diplomatic service. The Secretary of War and Mrs. Taft entertained in honor of the Ambassador and Lady Durand on Friday evening, while dinners in their honor will be given in the near future by the German Ambassador and Baroness von Stinnes, the French Ambassador, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Holmes, and Senator and Mrs. Wetmore.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Root will give their dinner in honor of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt next Thursday evening. They also have invitations out for Saturday, December 23, when they will entertain a large company of young people.

The Prince and Princess Cantacuzene, of Russia, the latter formerly Miss Julia Dent Grant, only daughter of Gen. Frederick Dent Grant, U. S. A., who arrived in Washington Friday, en route from Chicago, were entertained at luncheon yesterday at the Russian Embassy, and later were received by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt at the White House.

The prince and princess are staying with Mr. and Mrs. John R. McLean, who will give a large luncheon in their honor to-day at Friendship.

Miss Evelyn Chew, debutante daughter of Mr. John Chew and granddaughter of Mrs. Titian Coffey, was the guest of honor at the first cotillion of the winter given last evening by Mrs. John R. McLean, at her home on I street. This spacious home, noted throughout the country as one of the most hospitable in Washington, was especially attractive in its decoration of Christmas greens, which greeted the visitor at the entrance hall and extended throughout the entire ballroom floor. Garlands of Southern pine tied with wide red satin ribbon curtained each of the large doorways and adorned the musicians' gallery in the ballroom, although in the drawing room, where Mrs. McLean welcomed her guests, the decoration was limited to two superb wreaths of laurel and holly berries, which crowned the life-size and life-sized portraits of Mrs. Washington McLean and Gen. Edward Beale, the mother and father, respectively, of the host and hostess.

Mrs. McLean and Miss Chew received in the ballroom, the latter wearing a very charming gown of white satin and tulle. The cotillion, which began at 10 o'clock, was led by Mr. George Howard and Miss Chew, the sixty couples participating being almost exclusively from the debutante ranks of this and last year, with the younger dancing men of resident and diplomatic circles. Among the few married people present were Prince and Princess Cantacuzene, of Russia; Mr. and Mrs. George Howard, Representative and Mrs. Longworth, Lieut. and Mrs. Timmons.

In addition to the Prince and Princess Cantacuzene, Mr. and Mrs. McLean have as their guests for the week end Miss Edith Pulitzer and Miss Janet Fish, both of New York.

The favors which were provided for each of the six figures were dainty effects in gauze and paper—fairy wands, caps, sashes, fans, and gay-colored parasols predominating.

Miss Josephine Durand entertained a company of young people last evening at dinner in compliment to her guest, Miss Rosamond Dixie, who arrived at the em-

bassy yesterday. The company was chaperoned by Lieut. and Mrs. Bulmer, and included Miss Norris, Miss Gaff, Miss Williams, Mr. Hildekoper, Mr. Stephen Rowen, Lieut. Sheridan, and Mr. Howard. The company later attended Mrs. McLean's dance. On Monday evening Miss Durand will give a small dance.

Maj. Korner, military attaché of the German Embassy, and Frau Korner entertained at dinner last evening, when their guests included Gen. and Mrs. Barry, Gen. and Mrs. Sharp, Col. and Mrs. Potts, Col. and Mrs. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Mason Wright, Lieut. Col. Count Gleichen, military attaché of the British Embassy; Capt. Fournier, of the French Embassy; Mrs. Joseph E. Kuhn, and Miss Miriam Terry Crosby.

Capt. and Mrs. Richardson Clover entertained at dinner last evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sherrill, of New York.

Mrs. Robert Hinckley entertained at a large reception yesterday afternoon, which was in the nature of a house-warming for her new home on Sixteenth street. The handsome hostess received in a gown of golden brown Liberty satin with trained skirt, with Louis Quinze coat, the entire garment embroidered in cream-colored satin braid, with waistcoat of lace and chiffon.

The drawing-room and large dining-room were decorated in American Beauty roses and tropical greens, the tea table being especially attractive in furnishings of very handsome silver and flowers. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Dulaney Hunter, Mrs. Fahnstock, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. de Geoffroy, Miss Woodhall, and Miss Laura Jackson. These ladies relieved each other at the tea table, with a number of the season's debutantes assisting. An orchestra played during the reception, which was one of the smartest the present season has yet known.

Miss Sherrill entertained at a small tea yesterday afternoon to meet her young sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles Sherrill, of New York, a bride of the past year, who will be her guest for a few days.

Mrs. Richardson Clover and Miss Boardman did the honors of the tea table.

A very pretty wedding took place yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Speich, of 2801 Thirteenth street, when their daughter, Anna Hilbert, and Mr. Ralph Loran Sabin, of Geoffrey, Miss Woodhall, and Miss Laura Jackson. These ladies relieved each other at the tea table, with a number of the season's debutantes assisting. An orchestra played during the reception, which was one of the smartest the present season has yet known.

Promptly at 4 o'clock the bride, escorted by her father and attended by Mrs. Louis St. Elmo Burgess, of Baltimore, and Miss Annie Butler, as matron and maid of honor, entered the beautifully decorated drawing-room. She was crowned in pale blue liberty satin, with a wreath of lilies of the valley in her hair, and carried a shower bouquet of violets and lilies of the valley. Mrs. Burgess wore white crepe de chine, trimmed with Irish point lace, and Miss Butler was particularly charming in pink silk with rose applique, and a pink picture hat. Both carried bouquets of Golden Gate roses. Mr. Emanuel Speich, Jr., a cousin of the bride, was best man.

During the reception which followed the ceremony, fully 300 guests offered their congratulations to the young couple. Mrs. Speich, wearing a handsome gown of white chiffon cloth and lace, was assisted in the dining-room, which was trimmed with palms and brilliant poinsettias, by Miss Miner, Miss Jarvis, Miss Merrill, Miss Browne, Miss Costinetti, Miss Harrower, Miss Hastings, Miss Littlepage, Miss Woog, Miss Everett, and

The ladies interested in the forthcoming entertainment in aid of the House of Mercy have selected Monday, January 14, as the day, with the large ballroom at Rauscher's as the scene of the play. The latter will be "In a Persian Garden," which will be presented for the first time in Washington on this occasion.

The tickets will be sold entirely by private subscription, as the capacity of the ballroom is limited and the participants in the tableaux to form a part of the programme the prettiest and most prominent of this year's buds.

Much interest is being taken in the exhibition drill which is to be given Wednesday, December 19, in the riding hall at Fort Myer, at 2:30 o'clock, for the benefit of the Army Relief Society. There is quite a rivalry among the different troops as to which one will be selected to give the drill, and as they are all

equally proficient, it is quite a hard matter for the officers in charge to decide. An exceptionally fine exhibition may be expected, and several new features will be introduced.

Arrangements have been made with the Fort Myer car company to run cars at short intervals.

The board of lady managers of the House of the Good Shepherd wish to thank the many patrons of their recent tea and sale, and to announce the net proceeds of that afternoon to be something over \$1,300.

Continental Chapter, D. A. R., gave its first public entertainment at Pythian Hall, 102 Ninth street, December 10. Notwithstanding the rain, every seat was taken.

First Lieut. George W. England, of the Sixth United States Infantry, is on leave in Washington. Lieut. England will spend the Christmas holidays here with his mother. The Sixth Infantry has just returned from the Philippines and is stationed in Montana.

Mrs. Galliard, accompanied by her son Prince, sailed yesterday for Cuba, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with Maj. Galliard, who is now stationed in Havana. They will return to the city about the middle of January.

Col. and Mrs. Joe Kirkman have left their sixteenth street house and have taken apartments at the Marlborough.

Mr. Edward Wilcox, of Virginia, is visiting his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilcox, at their residence, 1844 Mintwood place.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lindgren have returned to their apartment in the Garfield, Thirtieth and I streets, for the winter.

Dr. and Mrs. B. C. Galloway and their little daughter, Roberta Berr, left for Marshalltown, Iowa, last Thursday, to attend the golden anniversary of the doctor's parents. They will be away a month.

The Junior Dance of the George Washington University will be held at Carroll Institute on Wednesday evening. The committee includes Mr. McInturf, chairman; Miss Meyer, Mr. Daniels, Miss Mahan, and Mr. Gates.

Mrs. N. E. Roberts entertained at luncheon yesterday at her home on Fifteenth street, complimentary to her daughter-in-law, Mrs. L. A. Roberts, who leaves tomorrow for an extended Western trip, during which she expects to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Andrus, at their home in Vincennes, Ind., and relatives in Chicago, Springfield, and St. Louis.

The annual Southern relief charity ball will take place on Tuesday evening, February 5, at the New Willard. The music for the occasion will be furnished by the Fort Myer and Marine Bands.

The National Junior League have changed the date of the ball of the States, to be held in the Arlington Hotel, from January 17 to Friday, January 18.

Mrs. Victor Clement will leave Washington to-night for Lakewood, N. J., where her marriage to Capt. Cloman, U. S. A., will take place Tuesday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hays Hammond, very close friends of the bride. After a short honeymoon near New York, Capt. Cloman and his bride will sail for England, where the former will take up his duties as military attaché of the American Embassy.

Mr. Robert Brent Mosher, former consul to Canada, who, with Mrs. Mosher and their daughter, Miss Mary Brent Mosher, made a brief visit to Washington last week, left Thursday evening for Port Elizabeth, Cape Town, where Mr. Mosher will establish a consulate.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barber were hosts at a card party at their residence on Capitol Hill Friday evening, complimentary to their guest, Miss Harris, of Denver. Forty persons took part in a game of progressive euchre, the card tables being set.

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